THE BECOND HAND SHOE THADE Mow They Are Made Over and Bold-Se-

crete of the Trade.

Baid the shoemaker: "Yes would be exprised to see the class of men who purchase accord hand shoes. I have among my customers an elderly gentleman who comes here regularly every three months and buys a pair of shoes for \$1.50. He is wealthy, but a miser. Many men whore I might name and who are well able to buy sew shoes prefer second hand ones for economy's sale. When a pair of shoes are cast off they are worthless to the original purchaser and can be lought for a song. When business is dull I complimes go out on a collecting tour, and in a couple of hours will obtain enough shoes and coots to keep me employed for a stonth. Boots are much more valuable than shoes, because they contain more leather. I find that they are not worn such nowedays, and shoes I occasionally come across are made of the finest leather."

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whether the lowers are worn or not. If ody of the shoe is not in a patchable conthe body of the shoe is not in a patchable condition I must put on an entire new instep. Usually the upper part of the heel to the surve of the foot remains in good condition. Home-times it becomes necessary to entirely renovate old shoes, so that when finished they are like new ones, with this difference, that the limiter used is not so good as the original. Soles and heels always have to be rebuilt and the toes capped. In all these repairs the cheapest of sole leather is used. When finished the shoes can be sold from seventy-five cante to \$1.50. A shoe must be of the finest insther and he but little worn to bring \$2."

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"Poer people, who can afford to pay but little for their shoes. I supply whole fas flies with shoes, from the father and mother to the laby. I do but little business in women's shoes. Women usually wear their shoes in the street until they become shabby, when they are cat down and used in the house as slippers. And then, besides, women's shoes are now so chesp that it would not pay to make them over."

While the reporter was listening to the cobbler's chatter there entered the store a laboring man who, after much dickering, bought a pair of brogans three sizes too large for lain for ninety cents.

ninety cents. s shoes which I have just sold," orninned the shoemaker, "will wear the man early a year. You know what he paid for bem, and can estimate about what shoe costs some poor people who know to purchase."—Brooklyn Eagle.

ROUMANIA'S CUPID JIG.

edding Dance That Tests Wind and

A Roumanian wedding party is one of the noticet and jolliest gatherings that can be imagined. The chief feature of the celebration is the dance held after the tying of the suptial knot. A reporter was present for a stort time at a dance of this description held at a hall on the Bowery. The couple had been and on the Bower, The corps had been suited at the synagogue in the afternoon.

The wedding feast was eaten shortly after at the home of the bride. Everybody, including the children, then proceeded to the hall and the dancing went on continuously until 3 o'clock the next day.

At about 11 o'clock the fun was at its right. The favorite national dance was on. height. The favorite national dance was on. It is called a jig, though bearing little resemblance to a good old Irish dance of that name. The orchestra struck up a monotonous last not unpleasing one two turn-turn melody. The dancers formed in a circle, the men and women being placed alternately, and joining their outstretched arms, the hands of each person classing the shoulder of his partners on the right and left.

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The components of the living ring or circle thus formed then began stepping time to the music, slowly at first, but with increasing speed, the circle moving now to the right, now to the left, the step now becoming all the time more lively and less regular until it was a hop backward, a skip forward and a jump sideways. This was continued until some links of the human endless chain abruptly broke off from exhaustion. roke off from exhaust

The bride, a very pretty girl of about 10, was attired in an old gold bronze dress, walk-ing length, and elaborately flounced and em-bellished. Over her head she wore a white A peculiar feature of the affair was that one of the waiters, attired in a uniform of the affair was that one of the waiters, attired in a uniform of short white cont and long apron was the bride's brother. He danced the jig with great gusto and was said to be the best Reguesting ligary in this country.—New York.

Gon, Van Alen's Use of Reg Immediately after the evacuation of York-town by the Confederates the place was filled to overflow by negro refugees, and their care and disposition was one of the in-portant questions of the period. They were installed in the vacant cabins of the old Con-federate camp and made as comfortable as possible, and at the same time kept under strict discipline by the provoit guard. When McClelles became strattened for treese and possible, and at the same time lopt under strict discipline by the provest guard. When McClellan became straitened for troops and laborers before Richmond he drew every able builed man away from the garrison. One morning a steamer on its way to the cause with troops was detained several hours because the quartermaster had no men to transfer coal from the barges. To meet the smergency Gen. Van Alen, without author's y emergency Och. Van Alen, without suchorry or advice from anyone, ordered the provest granhal to select a gang of negroes from the earnp and set them at work. The ice was broken, and from that time negroes did all the manual labor of the command. The quartermaster and commissary departments. Surried by squads selected for the purpose, and finally more than 1,000 picked men were due. and finally more than 1,000 packed men were sent up the James river to work in the trenches with McClellan's army. There were some advance criticisms by a few "red-hot" newspapers upon the general's action, but is was sustained by the government and thanked by the general-in-chief.—Cor. Boston

The Goddess On the Deme.

There is said to be a superstition attached to the Goddess of Liberty that stands aleutly on the dome of the Capitol. Though it is not widespread, it is said to be deeply rooted in some minds. Hed congress decided to gild the goddess, it would perhaps have been found difficult to get any one to undertake the test. It is well known that when the dome was thoroughly painted, several years ago, the painter who worked about the goddess lost his reason, declaring that she had life and was presented of the spirit of the Virgin. At a certain hour in the morning, very near the moment of sunrise, there is one point in the head-dress of the statue that reflects back the light, appearing as a star. It is only for a The Goddess On the Deme. light, appearing as a star. It is only for a short time that it can be seen. Every morn-ing this ensuared painter would knowl in frost of the Capitol and worship the star-crowned of the Capitol and worship the star-crowned goddess as long as the star was visible. Others are said to have come under the influence of this bronzed goddess, and have imagined that she exercised some mysterious power ever them. Some imagine, it is said, that should they look too often at the star that shines on her forehead at morn, they might imifer the fate of the poor painter.—Washington Star.

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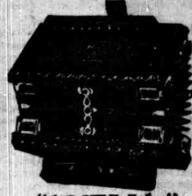
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